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This bill directs the Judicial Council to place a misdemeanor violation under section 169.444, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), on the uniform fine schedule (i.e., the payables list).

The following are violations under section 169.444, subd. 2(a):

(1) a person who fails to stop a vehicle or to keep it stopped at least 20 feet away when a school bus is stopped and displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights; or

(2) a person who passes or attempts to pass a school bus in a vehicle on the right-hand, passenger-door side of the bus when it is displaying flashing amber lights.

Background:

The Statewide Payables List sets forth those offenses for which an individual can choose to pay the listed fine in lieu of making a court appearance. Minn. Stat. § 609.101, subd. 4. By policy, all statutory petty misdemeanors are payable offenses. Statutory misdemeanors must be designated as payable by the Judicial Council.